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Dear Congressman Glickman:

This responds to your letter of October 26, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituent, Carl C. Krehbiel, President of Moundridge Telephone Company, expresses support for a PCS licensing structure that ensures participation by small and rural telephone companies.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted final rules to govern PCS. The Commission allocated 120 megahertz of spectrum for licensed PCS and adopted licensing areas based upon Basic Trading Areas (BTAs) and Major Trading Areas (MTAs); 60 megahertz of spectrum were allocated for BTAs and 60 megahertz for MTAs. Local exchange carriers may apply for PCS licenses on the same basis as other applicants.

Consistent with the Omnibus Reconciliation Act, in a companion Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PP Docket No. 93-253 the Commission proposed to award PCS licenses by competitive bidding. In this proceeding the Commission proposed licensing preferences in one 20 megahertz and one 10 megahertz frequency block for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The Commission's decisions addressing PCS are designed to foster competition among PCS providers and between PCS providers and cellular radio operators and to ensure expeditious provision of PCS in both urban and rural areas. I am enclosing the press releases for the dockets addressed above that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Franca*

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October 26, 1993

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Dear Mr. Quello:

I am writing this letter in regard to a request from Carl C. Krehbiel.

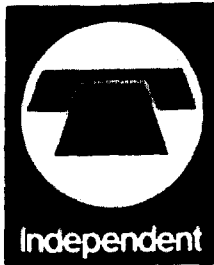
I have enclosed a copy of the correspondence I received from Mr. Krehbiel which explains the request. I would greatly appreciate any information you could share with me regarding the concerns detailed by the enclosed letter. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact John Lechlitter in my Montgomery County office at (316) 331-8056, as he is assisting me in this matter.

With best regards,

Dan Glickman  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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August 30, 1993

The Honorable Dan Glickman  
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Dear Congressman Glickman:

I am writing to ask for your help on a telecommunications issue that will be of critical importance to rural development in Kansas.

I request that you contact Federal Communications Commission Acting Chairman James H. Quello and Commissioners Andrew C. Barrett and Ervin S. Duggan to strongly encourage them to accomplish the objectives of the recently-passed Budget Reconciliation law by ensuring that small and rural telephone systems are able to participate in providing new services, particularly Personal Communications Services (PCS), when the FCC adopts an auction system for allocating radio spectrum for these services.

The Budget Reconciliation law requires the FCC to ensure that new technologies are rapidly deployed in rural areas, and that licenses be distributed to a wide variety of applicants, including rural telephone companies. However, as we have seen in the case of the Cable Act, the FCC cannot always be trusted to carry out the express will of Congress (the FCC has not complied with the Cable Act by failing to provide relief from onerous administrative burdens and costs that the FCC regulations placed on small cable systems).

Small and rural telephone systems are best situated to assure that new services and technologies reach rural subscribers expeditiously. We have a proven track record of delivering state-of-the-art technologies to our subscribers in rural America. The creation and operation of Kansas Cellular and its fiber optic network by a group of small, independent Kansas telephone companies (including this company) is an excellent example of what we can do.

The large national or regional companies that are pushing to exclude small telephone companies and cellular providers from providing PCS are only in it for the money, and could not care less about providing quality, universal telephone service in rural areas. In contrast, the very existence of the small Kansas telephone companies is dedicated to providing the best in telecommunications service to our towns and rural areas, *because we live there, too.*

We in the independent telephone companies are bringing our subscribers the best, most current telecommunications technology, and thereby also play an active role in rural economic development by providing a critically necessary piece of the infrastructure needed to attract and keep businesses in our state. We want to continue to do this -- but the forthcoming edict from the FCC could, contrary to the will of Congress, exclude us from providing PCS, and thereby deliver a heavy blow against future development (and even survival) of Kansas rural communities.

Please do not let the FCC exclude us from providing PCS in Kansas. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

*Carl C. Krehbiel*

THE MOUNDRIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
Carl C. Krehbiel, President